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[] DISCUSSES CUBA AND YEMEN.

[] CALLED ON STEVENSON AT HIS REQUEST TO OBTAIN LATEST INFORMATION ON CUBA AND DISCUSS STEP JAPAN CONSIDERING TO BRING PRESSURE ON CASTRO. QUESTION OF YEMEN RAISED BY [] AT END CONVERSATION.

OBSERVING THAT JAPAN ONE OF WORLD'S MAJOR BUYERS CUBAN SUGAR (IMPORTS, CURRENTLY ABOUT HALF MILLION TONS, HAVE REACHED MILLION TONS IN PAST), [] SAID HIS GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING SOME CHANGE IF THERE IS TO BE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE CUBA. STEVENSON REPLIED THAT OUR CURRENT QUARANTINE CONCERNED ONLY WITH OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, IS NOT BLOCKADE AND DUE TO BE LIFTED IF CUBA PERMITS VERIFICATION IT HAS NO OFFENSIVE WEAPONS. HE SAID HOWEVER THAT DIVERSION JAPAN'S SUGAR PURCHASES TO OTHER SUPPLIERS COULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO BRING PRESSURE UPON CASTRO AND USG WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. [] EMPHASIZED GOVERNMENT ONLY CONSIDERING MATTER FOR PRESENT AND WOULD BE GUIDED IN PART BY RESULTS CURRENT CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER MAJOR PURCHASER CUBAN SUGAR (INDONESIA WAS MENTIONED). HE SAID JAPAN BUYS CUBAN SUGAR THROUGH LONDON, THAT SHIPPING, PRICES AND AVAILABILITIES OTHER SOURCES ARE FACTORS WHICH COMPLICATE QUESTION. SAID THERE WERE SURPLUSES IN FORMOSA AND PHILIPPINES BUT NOT ENOUGH TO

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FOR PRESENT PURCHASES FROM CUBA.

REVIEWING CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CUBAN NEGOTIATIONS, STEVENSON SAID MOST RECENT TALKS WITH KUZNETSOV CONCERNED WITH CLARIFICATION OF WHAT THEY AND WE WANT. CURRENTLY ONE MAIN PROBLEM IS ON-SITE INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL BOMBERS. SAID AERIAL SURVEILLANCE ESSENTIAL SO LONG AS CUBANS REFUSE ON-SITE INSPECTION. AFTER STEVENSON MENTION CASTRO REJECTION OF SYG PROPOSAL THAT NEUTRALS OR LATIN AMERICANS STATIONED HAVANA CONDUCT INSPECTION,

ASKED IF CASTRO HAD THIS REJECTED DENUCLEARIZATION CUBA AS PROPOSED IN RESOLUTION CURRENTLY BEFORE FIRST COMMITTEE. STEVENSON EMPHASIZED THIS IS PROBLEM FOR FUTURE, THAT ON OUR SIDE WE ARE ATTEMPTING KEEP ATTENTION ON ISSUES RELATED DIRECTLY CURRENT CRISIS. IN REPLY TO QUERY, STEVENSON SAID HE THOUGHT WE COULD FOR PRESENT HANDLE FISHING HARBOR PROBLEM WITH AERIAL SURVEILLANCE. SAID THAT CASTRO IS NOT ATTACKING OUR PLANES BUT IS PROTESTING AGAINST THEM. STEVENSON CONFIRMED THAT THERE WILL BE NO US GUARANTEE IN ABSENCE VERIFICATION, EMPHASIZING THAT WHILE THE IMMEDIATE DANGER HAS PASSED US MUST LOOK AT PROBLEM IN ITS LONG-TERM ASPECTS.

BEFORE LEAVING, ASKED WHETHER STEVENSON COULD CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS THAT US AND UK WOULD SOON RECOGNIZE NEW REGIME IN YEMEN. HE SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED TO JAPAN ITS OPPOSITION TO NEW REGIME. INDICATED JAPAN, THUS RELUCTANT RECOGNIZE REBEL REGIME CONSIDERING EXTENSIVE JAPANESE OIL INTERESTS SAUDI ARABIA. SAID IN ANY EVENT JAPAN WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IN ADVANCE IF U DECIDES RECOGNIZE YEMEN. STEVENSON SAID USN NOT IN POSITION PROVIDE UP TO MINUTE VIEWS USG ON RECOGNITION QUESTION BUT ASSURED HE WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT JAPAN'S INTEREST AND OF REQUEST JAPAN BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE.

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